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1. DR. ARMAND HAMMER, CHAIRMAN OF OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM, RECEIVED THE "ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLES" AWARD IN THE KREMLIN, MAY 25, FROM VASILI KUZNETSOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY A SPRINKLING OF THE SOVIET BRASS, INCLUDING STATE BANK CHAIRMAN ALKHIMOV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE KOMAROV AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BORISOV. MFA WAS REPRESENTED BY SOKOLOV. EMBASSY E/C COUNSELOR ATTENDED CEREMONY.

2. SPEECH BY KUZNETSOV WAS MAINLY COMPOSED OF UNEXCEPTIONAL QUOTATIONS FROM BREZHNEV ABOUT IMPORTANT SERVICE BY HAMMER TO TRADE AND BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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HIS REPLY, REFERRING TO HIS EARLY CONTACTS WITH THE "GREAT LENIN" AND CONCLUDING WITH HIS THANKS TO THE "GREAT LEADER," BREZHNEV, WAS BRIEF AND POSITIVE. HIS CITATION OF LENIN ON "COMPLEMENTARY" NEEDS OF RUSSIA FOR U.S. TECHNIQUES AND METHODS AND U.S. FOR USSR'S "ENORMOUS UNDEVELOPED RESOURCES" MAY HAVE HAD A CONTEMPORARY (AND PERHAPS CONDESCENDING)

RING FOR HIS AUDIENCE, ALTHOUGH HAMMER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD ADVANCED AND CHANGED DRAMATICALLY SINCE HIS FIRST VISIT.

3. FOLLOWING CEREMONY AND PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET LEADERS, HAMMER GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE KREMLIN ATTENDED BY U.S. AND SOVIET PRESS (COUNSELOR DID NOT ATTEND.)

4. HAMMER HAS MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH MINISTRY OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY KOSTANDOV AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV LATER MAY 25, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN HIS OWN WELL APPOINTED MOSCOW APARTMENT. MATLOCK

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